

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Director's Meeting for April 7, 2003.
2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for May 5, 2003.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Update on Issuance of Revenue Bonds of Sanitary Sewer System - April 28, 2003.
4. Minutes of Director's Meeting for April 14, 2003.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. DEC Board of Directors Meeting (Friendt)
4. Affordable Housing Steering Committee (Friendt)
5. Hometown Security Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. You and a Guest are Invited to the Time Warner Cable Spotlight On Education Night - on Monday, May 19, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Featuring: Keynote Speaker Connie Doebele, Executive Producer of C-SPAN's Book TV - Johnny Carson Theater (West side of Lied Center), 301 North 12th Street - RSVP to Amy at Time Warner Cable at 421-0330 by May 15th - (See Invitation)
2. The Capital Humane Society Board of Directors Cordially invites you to its 17th Annual Animal Awareness Dinner on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Downtown - 6:00 p.m., Cash Bar – 6:00 p.m., Silent Auction Begins – 6:45 p.m., Dinner – Dinner is \$25.00 per person – RSVP by May 16th. (See Invitation)

3. E-Mail Invitation – June 5th is National Hunger Awareness Day and the Food Bank of Lincoln is having an Empty Bowls Luncheon - This Luncheon takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Windsor Stables, 1024 “L” Street - Tickets are \$20.00 a piece - A short program that will begin at 12:15 p.m. (See Invitation)
4. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:
 - A.) Avis Rent-A-Car, 6400 “O” Street on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B.) Liberty First Credit Union (previously Burlington Credit Union), 6001 S. 56th Street on Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.- Please RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 or E-Mail
5. 25th Mayor’s Arts Awards Lincoln Arts Council – You are invited to attend the 25th Annual Celebration of the Mayor’s Arts Awards on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 - Lied Center for Performing Arts - 5:30 p.m., Reception, cash bar, music: Peter Bouffard Quartet; – 6:30 p.m., Dinner (catering: Flatwater Grill); 7:15 p.m., Awards Ceremony – (RSVP by returning in enclosed card by May 20th) (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion regarding the letter from Cornhusker Girls State, if you will welcome Girls State citizens to our office on Thursday, June 5, 2003 from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and if one of the Council Members would like to meet with the citizens. (See Attached Letter)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp (left early for another meeting), Vice-Chair; Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; **ABSENT:** None

Others Present: Mark Bowen (arrived late), Corrie Kielty, Ann Harrell (arrived late) Mayor's Office; Don Herz, Finance Director; Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Mark Andersen, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative (present for a portion of the meeting).

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of the Council.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

1. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) Mr. Camp had a schedule conflict and did not attend. - No Report.
(He did note that there had been an Executive Summary to the Report which was sent to all of the Council Members and he believed that discussion of that report had been the main sum and substance of the meeting.)
2. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict with the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting). - No Report.
3. DEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Friendt) Mr. Friendt reported that the meeting had been held on Tuesday, May 6th and Mr. Friendt had been unable to attend. [Election Day] - No Report

4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE (Friendt) Mr. Friendt reported that they had spent an hour and a half discussing the definition of “affordable housing.” Mr. Friendt believed that there was now another draft to review. He noted that the definition of affordable housing is important and it is easy to see that with the three different sub-committees there was and still is some disagreement as to the specific problem we’re trying to address. Mr. Cook noted that he would be interested in seeing the definition when it is all done. Mr. Friendt stated that Council will see that information.
5. HOMETOWN SECURITY COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda) Ms. McRoy indicated that she had missed the meetings last week since she was a “little busy” [Election Week]. Mr. Svoboda stated that he had also missed the meeting due to work schedules. - No Report

OTHER MEETINGS - Ms. Seng reported that she and Mr. Camp had attended the Red Cross Recognition Breakfast. Mr. Werner indicated that he had attended as well. Ms. Seng stated that it had been a very nice event at the Rococo. It had been an opportunity to offer well deserved recognition to people who had helped their community in extraordinary ways.

Ms. McRoy reported that Arnold Heights has a new park which had been dedicated Thursday morning. That had been a very nice event.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Cook stated that there were no appointments except the one that the Mayor had mentioned earlier. Mr. Bowen stated that there were no others this week. Mr. Cook asked if the Mayor’s Office might be interested in adding this as a resolution “to be heard next week” list and then have public hearing and action next week? It was noted that it wouldn’t be that urgent an appointment.

Ms. Ray commented that at some point there would need to have the Council review Coleen’s Committee appointments for re-distribution. Mr. Cook stated that Staff could get a list of all the Committee assignments and decisions could be made at the next Monday “Noon” meeting following the May 19th “Noon” luncheon. (*June 2nd “Noon” Meeting Agenda*)

Ms. Kielty commented that Council may be wanting to re-appoint someone to the Parks Board.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Don Herz passed out the EMS financial report to Council. There was a brief review for the Council Members which included the fact that there had been a Plus \$122,000 cash flow for the month of April. (Copy available in the Finance Department). Mr. Herz explained that the expenses were front-loaded in the first part of the year with such items as liability insurance, so as the year progresses, the cash flow will fluctuate on a month to month basis. He noted that there was a 63% collectable rate and explained the reasoning behind that apparently low figure. There are contractual write-downs of 20% (insurance non-payment). Once the 80% is arrived at, there is approximately another 20% of that figure which is comparable with other communities.

Discussion continued briefly as Mr. Herz answered other concerns Council Members brought forward regarding the Report, plus concerns on the impact of the HIPPA legislation that had gone into effect in April; and the question of the privatization of the non-emergency transport.

Chief Casady reported that the Fire and Police Departments had integrated a mobile data network. This has been an on-going effort over the past several months. Chief Casady gave a brief history of the LPD's mobile data network and how the Fire Department and LPD could benefit from integrating the accessibility of information for both Departments. He noted that the program has been successfully launched and has been a great innovation for better serving the community - and a rarity across the nation. Council had a brief discussion, garnering details and reassurances as to the protection of citizens regarding privacy issues involved in the sharing of the data between departments.

Ms. McRoy stated that this should be written up for national recognition. Council members agreed.

Mr. Bowen asked Council members if they had received the Executive Summary of the LPED report. [Council members indicated that they had received a copy]. Mr. Bowen continued, noting that in anticipation of the full report, the LPED Board has tried to get as many groups as possible to express either a motion of support or consensus of support for the direction of the LPED report. There was a brief discussion with Council deciding that they would like to see the full report before they could express a motion of consensus. Mr. Bowen stated that the Board would like to have the consensus motion before the 21st of May. The Council's final decision was to offer a statement (paraphrasing Mr. Cook) "to the effect that they were supportive of the efforts to create a coordinated strategy that involves all the stakeholders". It was agreed that Mr. Bowen would offer a composite of what the other business groups have offered and Council could determine if they would like to issue a similar statement. A copy of the resolution could be reviewed at next weeks luncheon meeting and a determination made at that time.

There was a brief discussion concerning Council's intentions regarding a gesture of appreciation for the out-going mayor. There was also discussion regarding the "Noon" luncheon in general and the invitation list in particular.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion regarding the letter from Cornhusker Girls State, if you will welcome Girls State citizens to our office on Thursday, June 5, 2003 from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and if one of the Council Members would like to meet with the citizens. *Council determined that the Chair (or the Chair's designee) would be present for the event (whomever the Chair might be at that time). The Girls State coordinator was notified of this on May 13, 2003.*

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - Mr. Camp had left the meeting at this time.

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook asked if the Council would like to continue public hearing on the Tennis legislation because of the new information that had been received. It was agreed to do that and announce that those who had come to testify this date could come forward, but, then, would not be able to testify again at the continued public hearing next week. It was agreed that the Public Hearing and Action would be continued until next week - with the Old Council. Mr. Roper stated that there would be a substitute resolution on the Special Permit available for Council today, which would incorporate some compromises and the new language.

Mr. Cook brought up the Chair issue which will be decided next week at the second Council meeting. He noted that Coleen will be setting in as the Acting Chair of the Council, as Mayor, while the new Chair is elected. There will be as many nominations as it will take to elect the new chair with a minimum of four votes required. Then the new Chair will take over as the new Vice-Chair is chosen, under the same process. There is no second required for the nominations to be considered.

Ms. McRoy commented that she would like to see a 7-0 vote on the nomination of Chair. Mr. Friendt indicated that he would like to have the Council consider Jon Camp as the next Chair. He stated that as a senior Council member re-elected by his district, it would be a good way to start the new spirit of cooperation we all desire. Mr. Cook asked if there were thoughts on this comment.

Mr. Werner noted that he had thoughts on the comment, but was not ready to express them at this time. Mr. Werner noted that for unity purposes, he thought Mr. Friendt would be a good selection for the position. Mr. Friendt stated that he did not think that would be appropriate.

Ms. Seng stated that she would like to encourage Council (though it won't be her decision) to stay with the Chair being assumed by the Vice-Chair as has been the established tradition initiated by the women on the Council in years past to assure that every Council Member have the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Council. It was agreed that either Ken or Terry would be appropriate nominees for the post of Vice-Chair.

Mr. Cook felt anyone who wanted to stay in the position of Chair for more than one year would have his/her sanity held in question. [Laughter]

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy asked Ms. Ray about the Council members bond for the upcoming terms. Ms. Ray reported that, according to Mr. Bill Kostner of Risk Management, the re-elected officials will simply have their bonds renewed. She noted that she was working with Risk Management to have Ms. Newman's bond in effect when she assumes office.

Ms. McRoy asked how much and for what purpose the bonds were issued. Mr. Roper indicated that the bond was for \$5,000 to cover any financial losses caused by Council members through malfeasance - such as running off with the lap-tops.

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng noted that there would be no concern that she might do such a thing [Laughter - as Ms. Seng is notorious for her reluctance to participate in the computerization of anything] Ms. McRoy had stated that she was interested in a new lap-top and it was suggested that she take Ms. Seng's because it was "like-new".

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:25 p.m.

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